



Good morning

Welcome to the latest edition of 'IPAA Connect', a weekly collection of curated content and resources from across the public sector.

If you didn't get the chance to join us for the ACOLA panel discussion on the *Role of Artificial Intelligence in Australia in 2030*, then I recommend watching the video of the event. It was a great discussion featuring a keynote from Dr Alan Finkel AO followed by a panel including Professor Genevieve Bell AO. View the video and other event resources [here](#).

This week's Work with Purpose [episode](#) features Chris Jordan AO, the Commissioner at the Australian Taxation Office.

We have a lot happening over the next month or so, including an *Executive Assistant Series* [event](#) next week. I am also pleased to report we have just confirmed Dr Steven Kennedy PSM for a podcast in September, in an interview alongside Matt Comyn, the CEO of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

If you have any ideas you'd like to discuss, you can [contact me here](#).

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WORK WITH PURPOSE

EP#19: KEEPING IT SIMPLE WITH CHRIS JORDAN AO

Chris Jordan AO has driven major change in the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) since assuming the position of Commissioner in 2013. In Chris' view, the cultural "reinvention" of the ATO has prepared the organisation to deal with the challenges of COVID-19. In this episode, he is effusive in his praise of the ATO's people and their leadership as they battle with the demands of major bushfires and a global pandemic. Chris also covers a range of topics - from his public service beginnings as a policeman, to how the ATO is preparing for the future. Listen to the podcast on our [website](#).



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WORK WITH PURPOSE: UPCOMING PODCASTS

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Thursday 20 August | A National Perspective

Dave Stewart | Director-General, Queensland Department of the Premier and Cabinet

Monday 24 August

Dr Larry Marshall | Chief Executive, CSIRO

Steve Worrall | Managing Director, Microsoft Australia

Thursday 27 August | A National Perspective

Erma Ranieri | SA Commissioner for Public Sector Employment

Monday 31 August

Rob Stefanic | Secretary, Department of Parliamentary Services

Cate Saunders | Deputy Secretary, Department of Parliamentary Services



EA SERIES | BEING AN EA IN COVID-19 TIMES

25 AUGUST 2020 | LIVE-STREAM EVENT

This event features the Executive Assistants who have directly supported senior executives throughout the pandemic, including a Secretary, Director-General and Chief Operating Officer. Details and registration [here](#).



IPAA ACT | ECONOMIC RECOVERY SCENARIOS

10 SEPTEMBER 2020 | LIVE-STREAM EVENT

Chris Richardson will deliver an update on economic impacts for Australia's COVID-19 recovery. Joined by Dr Jenny Gordon, DFAT's Chief Economist; Andrew Charlton, Director of AlphaBeta and Renée Fry-McKibbin, Professor of Economics at the ANU. Details [here](#).



WILLIAMS ORATION | DR CHRISTINE MORGAN

22 SEPTEMBER 2020 | NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY AND ONLINE

Christine Morgan, CEO of the National Mental Health Commission and National Suicide Prevention Adviser to Prime Minister Scott Morrison, will deliver the 2020 Williams Oration. Details [here](#).



IPAA VICTORIA | CARING FOR COUNTRY SERIES

11 SEPTEMBER 2020 | WEBINAR

Hear from Victorian Traditional Owners, talking about the importance of protecting cultural heritage and what needs to occur at government level to help Traditional Owners (and all Victorians) better care for Country. Details and registration [here](#).



THE ROLE OF AI IN AUSTRALIA IN 2030

Access the video and other [event resources](#) from yesterday's IPAA and [ACOLA](#) event on Artificial Intelligence. Hear about the role of AI for innovations in industry and service delivery, and the implications this will have on society for 2030. The discussion also includes the need to harness AI in government and how it will reshape government delivery.



GREAT POLICY ADVICE MODEL

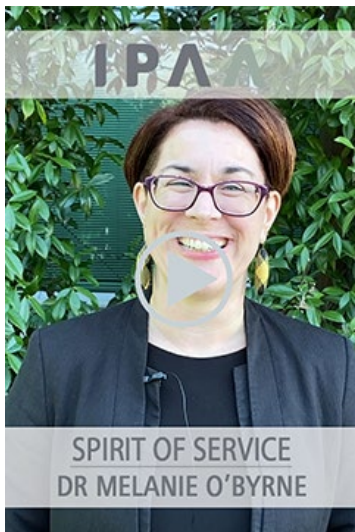
The Delivering Great Policy team at PM&C worked with more than 160 people across the APS to identify and develop the core elements of great policy advice. These elements apply to large-scale, cross-agency efforts to more localised implementations. Learn more about the model [here](#).



SOCIO-ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF COVID-19

How is COVID-19 impacting people and the planet and what are the implications for a post-pandemic world? This University of Sydney [study](#) quantifies the socio-economic losses and environmental gains at a global level.

SPIRIT OF SERVICE



DR MELANIE O'BYRNE

Enjoy the latest video in our [Spirit of Service](#) series, which showcases the diverse personal experiences of passionate and hardworking APS staff responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This week's SoS features Dr Melanie O'Byrne who is a Director in the Defence Science and Technology Group at the Department of Defence. Mel speaks with great enthusiasm about the efforts of their Group this year, as well her family's adjustment to the new normal. Tune in for a few iso-life hacks!

Mel is also an IPAA alumni, she Chaired the Future Leaders' Committee for 18 months from its inception in 2017.

AT WORK WITH IPAA



Meet the IPAA Martians!

Our event teamers Sunny and Telle recently experienced aeronautical space exploration whilst delivering the Innovation Awards event at Questacon.

After a huge effort to coordinate our first COVID-safe hybrid event, it was nice to celebrate with the Award Finalists and enjoy the *Mission to Mars* exhibition and the interstellar photo booths!

Questacon are running [guided tours](#) to the red planet throughout August and September. Bookings are essential.

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